

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the fifth full paragraph on page 10 (lines 19-21) as follows:

Figure 5 is a front ~~sectional~~ view of the inflatable positioning shield after inflation, illustrating the recessed front portion of the positioning shield and the unobstructed distal lumen of the flexible breathing tube.

Please amend the second full paragraph on page 11 (lines 3-6) as follows:

Figure 8 is a sectional ~~front plan~~ view of one embodiment of a laryngeal mask of the invention, illustrating ~~the recessed front portion of the positioning shield~~, the rear portion of the positioning shield, and the key-hole shape unobstructed distal lumen of the flexible breathing tube.